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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	10/550,373-Conf. #7961	
		Filing Date	June 28, 2006	
		First Named Inventor	Adalbert Roehrig	
		Examiner Name	K. Y. Lin	
		Art Unit	1725	
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	210	105
Multiple dependent claims	370	185

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
19 - 20 = _____ x _____ = _____
 HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Multiple Dependent Claims
Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
2 - 3 = _____ x _____ = _____
 HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

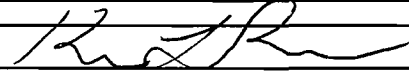
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$260 (\$130 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

	Fees Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1501 Utility issue fee	1,440.00
1504 Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal ...	300.00

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Adalbert Roehrig et al.

Application No.: 10/550,373

Confirmation No.: 7961

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Art Unit: 1725

For: TUBULAR MOULD FOR CONTINUOUS
CASTING

Examiner: K. Y. Lin

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

MS Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following comments on the Examiner's Amendment and Interview Summary accompanying the Notice of Allowability dated July 8, 2008 and mailed July 16, 2008.

The Interview Summary implies that Applicants' attorney agreed during the telephonic interview that the Examiner's amendment was necessary to define over the prior art references of record. While Applicants' attorney did agree to the amendment, he did not agree that the amendment was necessary for patentability.

As Applicants stated in their "Response to Final Office Action Mailed January 11, 2008," filed May 12, 2008, it was Applicants' position that the claims were patentable over the cited art. Claims 1 and 2 as they existed prior to the Examiner's Amendment recited "supporting ribs" that, as also recited, with the supporting shell or supporting plates prevent transverse movement of the copper tube. Therefore, from Applicants' perspective, the Examiner's Amendment merely expressly recited the existing structure of the supporting shell.

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